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JUN OKAZAKI ET AL. ) Group Art Unit: 2141  
Application No.: 10/647,392 ) Examiner: Unknown  
Filed: August 26, 2003 ) Confirmation No.: 2035  
For: NETWORK DEVICE AND )  
METHOD )

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicants brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents are attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the non-English documents, a Notification of Reasons for Rejection issued by the Japanese Patent Office, mailed August 10, 2004, in a counterpart application citing these documents and setting forth

the relevance thereof is enclosed. In addition, attached is an English-language translation of the Notification.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

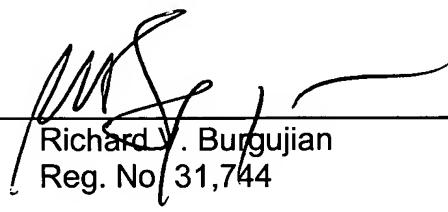
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